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SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION NEGOTIATIONS

1. WHILE I WAS HAVING LUNCH WITH FYLFI GISLASON, CHAIRMAN OF OPPOSITION SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY, AT HIS HOUSE HE RECEIVED TELFEPHONE CALL FROM DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN. THEY TALKED ABOUT IDF RETENTION PROBLEM. AT NORDIC COUNCIL MEETING IN STOCKHOLM EARLIER THIS WEEK ANDERSEN AND GISLASON DISCUSSED HOW TO MODIFY CHARACTER OF US-GOI DEFENSE ARRANGEMENT WHICH COULD PRESERVE BASIC ELEMENTS OF IDF. PURPOSE OF TELEPHONE CALL WAS TO SUGGEST GISLASON LOOK INTO THE APRIL 27, 1951 AGREEMENT REGARDING THULE AS OF SOME POSSIBLE HELP.

2. DURING LUNCH GISLASON TOLD ME THAT IN STOCKHOLM THE PRIME MINISTERS OF DENMARK AND SWEDEN, WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF EACH OTHER, HAD A PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH ICELAND'S PRIME MINISTER JOHANNESSEN ON THE IMPORTANCE OF IDF RETENTION. USG OR OTHER GOVERNMENTS WERE NOT TO BE MADE AWARE OF THESE APPROACHES. IT THEREFORE IMPORTANT THAT THIS INFORMATION BE KEPT CLOSELY BY US. JOHANNESSEN'S RESPONSES ARE NOT KNOWN OTHER THAN THAT
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PRESENT IDF ARRANGEMENTS ARE OUTDATED AND THAT RETENTION

WILL DEPEND ON US ATTITUDE IN UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS.
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